

BRYAN ORDERS INQUIRY ON MURDER OF AMERICAN BY MEXICAN BANDITS

Takes Quick Action in Case of
California Postmaster Shot
Down in His Store.

POSSE NOW IN HUNT.

Gen. Villa Denies Important
Fighting at Torreon—Powers
Silent on Carranza.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Secretary Bryan to-day ordered an official investigation of the death of Frank V. Johnson, Postmaster at Tecate, Cal., who was killed and burned by Mexicans Saturday night while defending his property. Military authorities from Fort Rosecrans already are investigating.

The killing occurred on American soil and it is said by officials here to be within the jurisdiction of California State authorities.

None of the foreign Governments to whom Secretary Bryan transmitted copies of Gen. Carranza's last note on the right of American Consuls to look after foreigners in Mexico, has made any response.

Secretary Bryan declined to comment upon Carranza's note, but it is taken to be significant of his purpose that the Secretary states that he will continue to instruct American Consuls to intervene to protect foreigners in the war zone precisely as in the past.

Rear-Admiral Fletcher reported everything quiet at Vera Cruz and Tampico.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 16.—Hitter feeling, caused by the killing Saturday night of Frank V. Johnson, Postmaster at Tecate, near the Mexican border and the burning of the United States customs office and Post-office building by bandits continued to-day.

Secretary of State Bryan and Gov. Johnson of California have been asked by relatives of the dead man to make an investigation of the affair. According to information received here three bandits, said to be Mexicans, shot Johnson through the heart when he refused to give them the combination of the safe.

A posse is in pursuit of the bandits.

EL PASO, Texas, March 16.—There has been no important fight at Torreon. Chihuahua despatches from the Associated Press correspondent last night reported the situation quiet except for the orderly movement of rebel troops in the direction of the contested battlefield, and a high rebel official talked directly with Gen. Villa direct from Juarez at the request of the newspaper men and Villa denied there was any basis for the story.

HE'S 76, BUT HE TANGOES TOO

Wife, Seventy, Doesn't Try New Steps at Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Mole Bloch of No. 1 Livingston avenue, Yonkers, celebrated their golden wedding with a dinner and reception at Franciscan's Inn last night.

They entertained sixty relatives and friends. Seventy-five additional guests came to the reception afterward.

Mr. Bloch, who is seventy-six years old, danced the tango with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lucien D. Thorman, Mrs. Bloch is seventy years old. She hasn't learned the new steps yet.

LEAPS INTO RIVER, FIGHTS HIS RESCUER; BOTH NEARLY DROWN

Christopher Dolan of Jersey
City Rescued by Paul Keenan
in Spite of Himself.

Paul Keenan took a header to-day off a barge he was loading at the Grand street pier, East River, when he saw a man run down the pier and jump into the water. Keenan rose close to the man and swam toward him.

"Keep away!" shouted the other, and he struck out as though to swim beyond Keenan's reach. Keenan overhauled him with a powerful stroke or two and grabbed him by the shoulders.

"Be nice, now," he exclaimed, "I'll have you ashore in a second."

But the would-be suicide refused to be "nice." He struggled and kicked around Keenan's neck. The men sank together, and when at last Keenan brought himself gasping to the surface, he smashed the other man in the face with his fist. The blow was not hard enough to make the man unconscious and he kept up his struggle with his rescuer.

The tide was carrying them out into the river and Keenan had been dragged down twice before he realized that he needed help and called for it. John Miller of No. 586 Grand street ran to the end of the barge, coiled a rope and hurled it to Keenan. It fell within his reach and Miller and Police-man Cowden hauled him ashore together with the man he had rescued and who had become unconscious.

Dr. Gambrell came from Gouverneur Hospital and resuscitated the other man, who said he was Christopher Dolan of No. 102 Montgomery street, Jersey City. He was taken to the hospital a prisoner, after he had explained that men were following him and had ordered him to jump into the river. The doctor said he'd be better after he'd slept.

Keenan went to his home at No. 1 Broome street, changed into dry clothes and returned to his job of loading glucose barrels on the barge.

BOY CHOIR OF WHISTLERS.

Philadelphia Church Tries Experiment for "Humanizing" Services.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—A chorus of fifty boys, after considerable training with no small amount of patience, whistled the hymn tunes in the service of the Calvary Reformed Church yesterday. The girls carried the hymn with the soprano voices, and the effect is said to have been rather startling.

Another innovation in the movement for "humanizing" such services was the "all-girl" service in the same church preceding the whistling.

PLENTY OF IT.

(From the Denver Republic.)

"Do you take much exercise," said the doctor.

"Exercise!" exclaimed the patient.

"Why, man, I have to put the dog down cellar every night and I chase him at least seven times through every room in the house before I can catch him."

DUDE BURGLARS TRAPPED ON EVE OF \$500,000 JOB

Two Foppish Young Men Are
Caught in Room With
Complete Kit of Tools.

BAITED THE WATCHMAN.

Offered Him Bribe to Let
Them Work in Building
Unmolested.

Jacob Rothman and Michael Sniderman, the dapper young men who tried to bribe a watchman to let them enter the store of Stern Bros. & Co., at No. 130 West Fifty-second street and steal \$500,000 worth of diamonds, were arraigned in West Side Police Court to-day. As they actually jimmied their way into the Stern loft one night last week after the watchman—working with detectives—had admitted them by the street door, a charge of burglary was preferred, this being based on the forcible entry.

Magistrate Simms held them in \$5,000 bail each after they had pleaded not guilty and been granted an adjournment until to-morrow afternoon. Sniderman was held in \$5,000 bail on an additional charge of having burglar's tools in his possession at his home, No. 78 East One Hundred and Seventh street and a similar charge will be preferred against Rothman in a Bronx Police Court because of tools found in his home at No. 915 Intervale avenue.

Central office and private detectives are working with a view to connecting Rothman and Sniderman with several recent daring robberies. The young men have confessed that if they had been able to get through the network of burglar alarm wires around the Stern safe they would have taken their loot to Europe with the idea of reforming and living for several years in comfort and luxury.

The first move made toward a robbery at Sterns, which is on the eleventh floor at the Fifty-second street address, was to offer a bribe to the night watchman.

"We will hand you a couple of thousand if you look the other way one night this week," the watchman is said to have been told by the two engaging young men.

DETECTIVES HEARD THE PLAN MADE WITH WATCHMAN.

"Come back to-morrow and I will give you an answer, or come to my house," the watchman said. He then communicated with the Pinkerton Detective Agency, which is charged with protecting the jewelry concern from robbers.

Shortly after 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the two men called on the watchman at his home in Harlem. A Pinkerton detective was hidden under a couch in the room when the visitors paid the watchman \$20 to bind the bargain.

"We will rattle the street door three times after midnight," the men told the watchman.

With the detectives at their heels the two men went to the building in West Fifty-second street shortly after midnight Thursday. They opened the downstairs door after they had given the signal agreed upon with the watchman. Then they went to the eleventh floor, where they jimmied a door leading into the Stern loft. A half hour later the men came downstairs and hastened to the furnished room in Seventh avenue which they had engaged Wednesday.

The detectives now possessed evidence of an attempted burglary, and Inspector Faurot ordered the arrest of the pair early yesterday morning. A squad of detectives were first sent to the house in East One Hundred and Seventh street, where Sniderman had a room. There they found, besides the tools used for breaking open safes, fuming caps, electric batteries, wires attached to fuses, a revolver, gloves, a blackjack, an automatic pistol and jimmies.

Detective O'Gorman and several other members of the special squad went to the Intervale avenue house. Rothman and Sniderman were found asleep. They were arrested before they could reach under the bed, where a new valise was stored.

In the bag the detectives found two small and two large sticks of dynamite.

"Don't let the women know you got us," was the first statement made by the two men. Rothman explained he was engaged to a respectable girl and she would die of grief if she learned he was a burglar.

"And my wife sailed for Europe on Feb. 5. She will never get over this," his partner said.

G. W. Collard, Philanthropist, Dead.

George W. Collard, retired broker and philanthropist, died to-day at his home, No. 260 West Seventy-third street, after an illness of two weeks.

Mr. Collard was about sixty-seven years old. He was the son of Dr. George Collard, who was Professor of Greek and Latin in the Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn. Mr. Collard married Mrs. Martha Fiske, a wealthy philanthropist, about twelve years ago. She died a few years later on a trip to Egypt and left a fortune estimated at several millions.

"Snakey" Schmidt and His Pet He Picked Up in Southern Wilds



"Snakey" Schmidt and One of His Pets.

Divided opinion given for responsibility in loss of liner Monroe. One Inspector Exonerates Berry and Blames Johnson—Other Finds Berry Guilty.

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BATTLED IN HOLD WITH GREAT SNAKE AS STORM RAGED

Jake Schmidt Had to Do It
Lonelyhanded in Order to
Save His Cargo.

CAYMAN GOT LOOSE.

Water Hogs and Monkeys
Were Disappearing When
"Snakey" Took a Hand.

"Snakey" Jake Schmidt arrived to-day from the Land of Horrors aboard the steamship Gracia of the Hamburg-American Line with a collection of thrills. The forward hold of the vessel where "Snakey" held forth was a place of terror, and all who dared descend into the place as Schmidt's guest experienced the spinal shiver.

"Snakey" Schmidt is an animal collector who has spent so many years in the South American wilds that he is tanned like a piece of leather. He brought with him to-day fully two hundred animals and birds for Louis Ruhe of No. 268 Grand street. "Snakey" and his collection went aboard the Gracia at Cartagena, Colombia, and his troubles began immediately. When he landed to-day he was covered with scars.

When "Snakey" came aboard with his monkeys, birds, snakes, lizards, cayman, water hogs and things he was assigned to the after deck of the vessel. The first day out the ship ran into a terrific gale and "Snakey" and his charges were almost swept overboard. He was then assigned to the forward hold. The sailors were not at all enthusiastic about assisting "Snakey" to move, so he did the job himself.

CAYMAN RUNNING AMUCK IN THE HOLD.

The third night out "Snakey" went below to see that his charges were faring properly. He heard a terrible commotion as he went down the ladder into the dark hold. He struck a match and lighted a lantern and then beheld a sight that would cause most men to have three fits.

What "Snakey" saw was a 500-pound cayman, a South American reptile somewhat resembling the crocodile, on the rampage. Boxes that had contained animals were broken open, birds were screaming and monkeys chattered in terror. When the cayman, who was busily devouring a water hog, caught sight of "Snakey" he made for him. "Snakey" went up the ladder in a hurry and called to members of the crew to assist him capture the beast.

None volunteered, so "Snakey" got a rope and went below alone. When the cayman charged him he threw the rope over the reptile's head, took a run around a stanchion and held him a prisoner. For two hours "Snakey" fought with the cayman before he finally got the reptile back into its box. Then "Snakey" took an inventory and found that the cayman had devoured five water hogs, three spider monkeys and a dozen parakeets.

POISONOUS SNAKE HE CALLS ST. PATRICK.

Among the collection "Snakey" has several animals and birds and snakes never before seen in this country. He has a deadly poisonous snake, never before seen, that he calls the St. Patrick. The snake is about three feet in length and darts its head about like lightning. Another specimen that never before was brought to America is the cayman, a queer looking bird, built on the order of the stork. He also has six boat-bill cranes.

Just to show his absolute lack of fear of snakes Schmidt allowed a huge box-constrictor to take hold of his arm. The reptile sank its teeth into "Snakey's" flesh until the blood spurted. But "Snakey" is the proudest of the St. Patrick snake.

"When St. Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland," says "Snakey," "they went to South America."

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LID COMMITTEE HIT BY A "FROST" AT HEARING TO-DAY

Only Forty Persons in Attendance When Ridder Starts the Proceedings.

The good people who do not approve of public drinking and dancing or in staying out after midnight for any other reason had their opportunity to talk. Mayor Mitchell's Committee on the Lid this afternoon. The hearing of the committee last Wednesday was adjourned for the particular benefit of the opponents of any relaxing of the 1 o'clock closing rules. They pleaded then that they "were not ready."

There were just twelve persons in the room at the hour set for the hearing. The reporters, as at the first hearing, outnumbered the populace. The members of the committee stayed in the wings for a time waiting for a larger audience.

After five minutes Chairman Ridder and Committee-men Sterry, Boynton, Furst and Giddings took their seats and Mr. Ridder said they would wait a bit longer.

At 3.10, the multitude having increased to seventeen, the hearing proceeded.

ACTING BISHOP COURTNEY MAKES THE FIRST SPEECH.

Mr. Ridder invited the Rev. Frederick Courtney, acting Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, rector of St. James's Church, Madison avenue and Seventy-first street, to start the discussion. Before the clergyman began, the audience increased to forty persons.

"I desire to say," said the Acting Bishop, "that I have no notice of the nature of the charges proposed from the Mayor's secretary."

In a general way, he said, he was opposed to having licenses issued for open restaurants after 1 o'clock, except for night workers. The Bishop said he was for stopping the sale of liquor at 11 o'clock.

"The sale of liquor late at night and in the early morning hours," said the speaker, "caters to undesirable things and to undesirable people."

John W. Cummings of the Board of Managers of the National Temperance Society and representing the Brooklyn Sunday school Association protested against curtailing "the short four hours in which liquor is forbidden to be sold."

SAYS AMERICANS GO ABROAD FOR GOOD MUSIC.

Ross Jungnickel, orchestra leader, argued against two vital evils—"the dancing evil" and "the cabaret evil."

"Americans spend millions abroad," he said, "because they can get no decent entertainment here. They go to Berlin and other cities to avoid these obscene dances and songs which ought not to be tolerated. Where is there a summer resort here which has a good orchestra?"

"We had an orchestra at Brighton Beach of twenty-five pieces," snapped a short stocky man directly in front of the speaker.

"And it broke up in the middle of the summer!" shouted Mr. Jungnickel.

"It did not," retorted the short man. "It ran all summer. You old-fashioned what you are talking about and you are proving it."

Chairman Ridder came to the speaker's rescue, by saying he thought New York ought to have the best music possible.

J. Panthen, speaking for the union waiters and cooks, said a law should

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be passed forcing employers to work their men in two shifts.

"The cabaret shows are places for luring young girls," said Francis Dyke. Mr. Dyke attacked the Hotel Men's Association as responsible for the bad times in the city. They are after the coin. That's why they want this thing."

Rudolph J. Schaefer, President of the Brewers' Association, said that the brewers were not in the least interested in the closing hour.

"We desire," he said, "to be recorded as desiring a wise, liberal, fair administration of the law. We are confident that the Mayor and his committee will act for the best interest of the community. That is all we desire."

Thomas Healy, hero of a score of battles to blow off the 1 o'clock lid, spoke for the Society of Restaurateurs. He advocated dancing and the sale of drinks until 2.30 o'clock and that places offering to show or dance be allowed to run all night.

Up rose John Henry Smith once more.

"It has been said here that every honest man in this city ought to be in bed at 1 o'clock," he said. "What a lot of crooks there must be in this town."

YOUR FRECKLES

Need Attention in February and March or Face Will Stay Covered.

Now is the time to take special care of the complexion if you wish it to look well the rest of the year. The February and March winds have a strong tendency to bring out freckles that may stay all Summer unless removed. Now is the time to use othine—double strength.

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